

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON October 2, 2018**

Yokomo 216 W 242 Street, Bronx, NY

PRESENT:

Sergio Villaverde
Rosemary Ginty
Julia T. Gomez
Nancy Moukas
Camelia Tepelus
Margaret Della
Louis Purgo
Laura Spalter
Jyll Townes
Rob Spalter
David Gellman
Tracy Pardo
Allen Dillon

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair, CB8
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KRVC
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Joe's Pizza
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BCA
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Parkview Sports Center

NOT PRESENT: Daris B. Jackson, Louis Lopez, Carlos Wilcox, Mary Yamagata, Julie Reyes

Meeting was called to order at 19:45 by Committee Chair Sergio Villaverde.

1. All present made introductions.
2. Discussion and public comments regarding West 242nd Street and Broadway Traffic Design and impact upon merchants.

Broadway Riverdale Merchants represented by Alan Dillon and Louis Pergo. The results have been only negative to the merchants and community. Extreme traffic and bus congestion. The buses line up several in a row and the bus stop actually stops all traffic to the service road south bound on Broadway from Manhattan College Parkway to West 242nd Street. Businesses that rely upon delivery cannot get drivers to sidewalks. This is having a disastrous effect upon businesses and will put local businesses out of business.

Chairman Villaverde concurred with comments and described a walk through that he personally did. Each merchant was opposed to the traffic design. Many expressed grave

concern and were bewildered as to why the City would create such difficulty for local small businesses.

Committee members present agreed that this matter is of an urgent nature and must be addressed expeditiously. A return to the former status must be considered.

A resolution was distributed. However, there was no vote taken due to a lack quorum.

3. Concept of Merchant Award discussed. Members present generally agreed on exploring the concept of an award for deserving merchants. Committee Members Jyll Towns, Louis Lopez and Margaret Della will follow up and report. Board Chair Ginty provided Community Service Award Criteria to aid in the effort.
4. KRVC made Marble Hill presentation. SBS Fellow, Camelia Tepelus, presented scope of project involving Marble Hill and requested a resolution in support for funding. Ms. Tepelus will forward proposed resolution and supporting documentation to office.
5. No new or old business.

Meeting adjourned at 2100

Dated: October 3, 2018
Submitted by Sergio Villaverde
Chair, Economic Development Committee

















